



## Great Places Citizen Advisory Board Meeting Scheduled For Tuesday, August 30, 2005

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The Iowa Great Places Citizen Advisory Board is scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the State Historical Building's first-floor Heritage Classroom, 600 E. Locust Street in Des Moines. The agenda follows.

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs received 146 invitations from places wanting to partner with the state to become "Great Places" through the Iowa Great Places initiative. About 75 coaches from throughout state government were dispatched in teams to all the places that submitted invitations. Coaches worked with the places throughout the summer to help assess their readiness to present offers to the Great Places Citizen Advisory Board to be considered one of the three pilot Great Places. The board will select three pilots in early October.

Governor Tom Vilsack announced the Great Places initiative in his 2005 Condition of the State address, challenging state agencies and Iowans to be bold and creative and develop new partnerships for turning neighborhoods, communities, districts, regions and other areas into great places where people want to live, work, stay and play. A team representing 18 state agencies designed a Great Places process, which began in May and will continue through December with a selection and negotiation process. Great Places invitations can be viewed at [www.iowagreatplaces.gov](http://www.iowagreatplaces.gov).

Citizen Advisory Board members are Robin Anderson of Mason City (Vice Chair), David Bernstein of Sioux City, Claire Celsi of Des Moines, Samantha Erickson of Pleasant Hill, Mark Ginsberg of Iowa City, Tom Hanafan of Council Bluffs, Quentin Hart of Waterloo, Terry Lynch of Marion, Bill Menner of Grinnell (Chair), Gil Spence of Dubuque, Amanda Styron of Mount Pleasant and Rita Vargas of Davenport.

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State Historical Building – Heritage Classroom (first floor)

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## **AGENDA**

Call to Order

- 1) Review and Approval of the Minutes
- 3) Update from Great Places Coordinator
- 4) Discussion on Offer Presentation visits
  - a. Reporting
  - b. Videotaping
  - c. Communications
- 5) Format for Oct. 3 meeting
- 6) Discussion on Oct. 11 Great Places Conference
- 7) FY06 Legislative Plan
- 8) Next Meeting date: October 3

Adjournment